Irrigation facilities in Tirhut Commissionerate in Bihar

943. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation facilities in Tirhut Commissionerate in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that a lot of land remains unirrigated in that area; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government for ensuring adequate irrigation facilities there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Tirhut Commissionerate is served by 8 major canal systems constructed under Gandak Project. These canal systems are:

1. Done Canal
1A Ghora Sahan Branch Canal
2. Triveni Canal
3. Tirhut main Canal
4. Sugauli Branch Canal
5. Jamunia Branch Canal
6. Vaishali Branch Canal
7 Jaitpur Branch Canal
8. Mallikpur Branch Canal

The entire area of Tirhut Commisionerate comes under command of Easter Gandak Canal System which created irrigation facilities in an area of 4.8 lakh ha. of Culturable Command Area (CCA). Restoration of Eastern Gandak Canal System proposed by the State Government will restore lost irrigation facilities in 2.9 lakh ha. (CCA) in Tirhut Commissionerate. Also, Gandak Phase-ll Project being considered by State Government envisages additional irrigation facilities in 80,000 ha (CCA).